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1. DURING MY DISCUSSION WITH MR.BARTELS PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON, (AND I REGRET THAT AMBASSADOR VANCE'S ABSENCE FROM THE CITY PRECLUDED DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM,) I INDICATED THAT, SUBSEQUENT TO MY ARRIVAL IN MADRID, I MIGHT WELL BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH MESSRS. BARTELS AND VANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE LONGSTANDING REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATIVE EQUIPMENT TO BE USED BY THE SPANISH SERVICES.

2. I HAVE NOW HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER IN FULL THE VERY IMPORTANT EFFORTS WHICH THIS MISSION IS UNDERTAKING
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TO WORK WITH AND MOTIVATE THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT

IN A MAJOR COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO FIGHT EFFECTIVELY THE ILLICIT INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. I AM DEEPLY DISTURBED TO LEARN THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY EXCHANGES OVER SUCH A LONG PERIOD OF TIME WITH WASHINGTON ON THE REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATIVE EQUIPMENT, WITHOUT ANY RESOLUTION OF THE QUESTION. ALTHOUGH I AM MOST RELUCTANT TO DO SO, I AM INEVITABLY LED TO THE TENTATIVE CONCLUSION THAT WASHINGTON MAY NOT ATTACH THE SAME IMPORTANCE WHICH I THOUGHT IT DID TO THE BASIC OBJECTIVE OF GIVING MUSCLE TO AN EFFECTIVE NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM HERE. IT IS WITH THIS THOUGHT IN MIND THAT I MAKE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS IN THE HOPE THAT THIS ISSUE COULD BE RESOLVED PROMPTLY.

3. WE WOULD BE MISTAKEN IF WE DID NOT REGARD SPAIN AS AN EFFECTIVE COOPERATING FOREIGN GOVERNMENT WITHIN CONTEXT OF NARCOTICS CONTROL FUNDS AUTHORIZED UNDER FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT ADMINISTERED BY COORDINATOR OF INT'L NARCOTICS MATTERS (REF F). SIX DEA AGENTS OPERATE IN MADRID AND BARCELONA AND, IN A TOTALLY INTEGRATED MISSION EFFORT, MAINTAIN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS OF DGS (GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF SECURITY) AND CIVIL GUARD. SINCE 1972, WE HAVE PROVIDED A LARGE NUMBER OF SPANISH OFFICIALS (DGS AND CIVIL GUARD) WITH NECESSARY TRAINING IN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF NARCOTICS CONTROL. I SEE NO REASON WHY USG CANNOT PROVIDE INVESTIGATIVE EQUIPMENT TO SPANISH DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IF WE ALREADY PROVIDE TRAINING FOR THEM UNDER FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT.

4. PROMPT US RESPONSE TO ORIGINAL GOS REQUEST FOR INFO, FOLLOWED BY EFFECTIVE TRAINING, HAS INDUCED CIVIL GUARD INTO ORGANIZING A DOG DETECTOR UNIT WHICH DEA AGENTS HAD RECOMMENDED TO INTERDICT TRANSIT OF NARCOTICS BETWEEN MOROCCO AND SPAIN, PART OF WHICH WAS EN ROUTE TO U.S. EARLIER DEA AND CUSTOMS TRAINING PROGRAMS, WHICH HAVE REACHED AROUND 250 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF BOTH DGS AND CIVIL GUARD, NOT ONLY INCREASED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEIR INDIVIDUAL EFFECTIVENESS BUT HAS LED TO FORMATION OF A SPECIALIZED NARCOTICS UNIT IN CIVIL GUARD, AND, INDIRECTLY, TO ESTABLISHMENT OF INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS MATTERS AND ALCOHOLISM AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF DGS AND CIVIL GUARD ON NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT MATTERS (A PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF EMBASSY'S EFFORTS THROUGH DEA REPS). GDS, THEREFORE, HAS BEEN RECEPTIVE IN PART TO OUR

RECOMMENDATIONS AND WILLING TO IMPROVE ITS OVERALL
DRUG CONTROL CAPABILITY IN LINE WITH CURRENT REQUIREMENTS.

5. AS INDICATED IN EARLIER EMBASSY MESSAGES,
INVESTIGATIVE CAPABILITY OF DGS AND CIVIL GUARD
NARCOTICS BRIGADES WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED
WITH MODEST CONTRIBUTION BY USG IN FORM OF
INVESTIGATIVE EQUIPMENT. SOME LEADS PROVIDED BY
DEA CANNOT BE FOLLOWED UP PROPERLY WITHOUT THIS
EQUIPMENT WHICH IS LACKING TO THESE BRIGADES.
I SIMPLY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT USG IS INDIFFERENT
TO EQUIPMENT NEEDS OF COOPERATING FOREIGN DRUG
ENFORCEMENT BRIGADES WHICH ARE HIGHLY MOTIVATED
TO FOLLOW UP LEADS PROVIDED BY USG IN APPREHENDING
INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKERS.

6. IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE, I AM SUBMITTING A REVISED
LIST OF THE EQUIPMENT WHICH I BELIEVE WE SHOULD MAKE AVAIL-
ABLE TO THE SPANISH. THE FACT IS THAT IN CERTAIN AREAS
CAMERAS, TAPE RECORDERS, PORTABLE TWO-WAY RADIOS,
TEST KITS FOR DRUGS, ETC. THE SPANISH SERVICES ARE COMING
TO US TO BORROW SOME OF THIS EQUIPMENT BECAUSE, WITHOUT
IT, THEY ARE UNABLE TO DO THEIR TASK PROPERLY. I
RECOGNIZE THAT THE SPANISH CAN BUY SOME OF THIS
EQUIPMENT, AND IT WILL BE MY AIM TO ENCOURAGE
THEM TO DO SO, BUT I FEEL THAT THE PROVISION BY US
OF SOME OF THIS EQUIPMENT AT THIS STAGE WILL BE AN
IMPORTANT INCENTIVE AND MOTIVATION FOR A GREATER
DEGREE OF ENTHUSIASM AND COLLABORATION IN THIS
IMPORTANT TASK.

7. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED FOR A LONG TIME IN THE
IMPORTANT TASK OF OBTAINING FOREIGN COLLABORATION
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IN STOPPING ILLICIT INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC,
AND I KNOW THE MANY PRESSURES AND PRIORITIES WHICH
WASHINGTON MUST FACE. HOWEVER, I AM CONVINCED
THAT IF WE CAN PROVIDE AT LEAST A RESPECTABLE AMOUNT
OF THE EQUIPMENT THAT IS MENTIONED IN MY SEPARATE
MESSAGE, WE SHALL HAVE WON NEW COLLABORATORS AND A
NEW DEDICATION TO OUR COMMON GOALS.
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